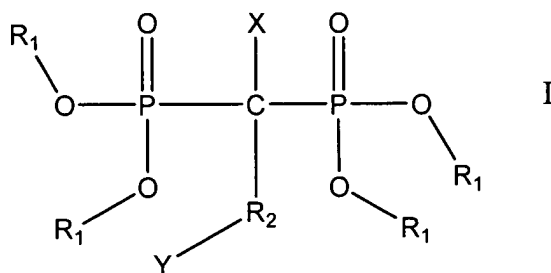


Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 8. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Previously presented) An injectable sustained release composition comprising a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) polymer having incorporated therein a bisphosphonate compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein,

R₁ is independently, H, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

X is -OR₁;

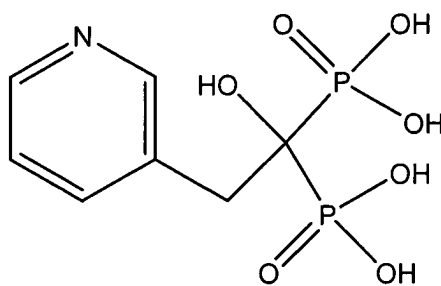
R₂ is (CH₂)_n, branched alkylene, branched or straight alkenylene or alkynylene;

n is an integer from about 0 to about 18;

Y is H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, cyano or amido group; and wherein the composition is in the form of a microparticle.

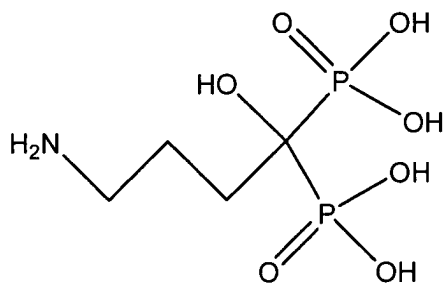
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The sustained release composition of Claim 1, wherein the bisphosphonate compound has the following structure:

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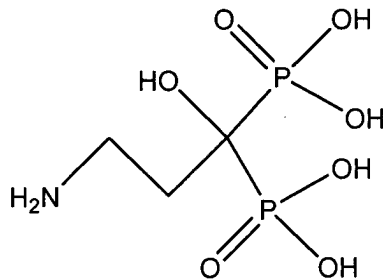
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Original) The sustained release composition of Claim 1, wherein the bisphosphonate compound has the following structure:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (Original) The sustained release composition of Claim 1, wherein the bisphosphonate compound has the following structure:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 6-8. (Canceled)